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TAGS: PINT, CE

SUBJ: NEW CABINET LIKELY

REF: COLOMBO 2647

1. TROTSKYIST LANKA SAMA SAMAJ PARTY (LSSP) REJECTED PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S OFFER OF NEW PORTFOLIOS FOR ITS THREE MINISTERS (REFTTEL) ON AUG 23, BUT POINTEDLY MADE NO MOVE TO RESIGN PRESENT ONES, THUS LEAVING TO PM ONUS OF TAKING STEPS TO BREAK-UP COALITION AND EXPEL LSSP, PRESUMABLY BY FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT. AT TRINCOMALEE RALLY ON AUGUST 23, CELEBRATING TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF HER SRILANKA FREEDOM PARTY (SLFP), PM IS SAID IN PRESS TO HAVE APPEALED TO PEOPLE TO STAND BY GOVERNMENT AT "THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT" WHEN CERTAIN "IMPORTANT DECISIONS" WERE TO BE TAKEN. THUS CHANGE IN CABINET MAY BE IMMINENT.

2. SENIOR LSSP LEADERS TELL US THEY EXPECT MRS BANDARANAIKE TO ANNOUNCE NEW CABINET ON AUG 26  
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WHICH WILL EXCLUDE LSSP, BUT INCLUDE CP/M.

AUGUST 25 "DAILY MIRRO", NOW CONTROLLED BY PRIME  
MINISTER'S FAMIL6, CLAIMED PM HAD TAKEN DECISION  
ON AUG 24 TO RECONSTITUTE CABINET AND EXCLUDE  
LSSP. IF SO, LSSP SOURCES SAY THEY WILL MOVE  
INTO OPPOSITION. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT  
LSSP IS PLANNING ANY AGITATION IF PM MAKES  
CHANGE. SECURITY FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN ALERTED.

3. IN RELATED EVENTS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION LOCAL GOVT AND HOME AFFAIRS, W.M  
NEALE DE ALWIS, HAS RESIGNED FROM LSSP MEMBERSHIP  
AND WAS SWORN-IN AS ACTING MINISTER UPON DEPARTURE  
OF MINISTER, FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, AUGUST 24 FOR LIMA  
NON-ALIGNED MEETING. PRESS ALSO REPORTS FRANTIC LOBBYING EFFORTS  
BY SLFP MPS TO GAIN POLITICAL PLUMS FROM ANY CABINET CHANGE.  
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